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May 3, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This filing by Cedar Ridge School District requests a waiver from the Schools and Library Division E-rate Program Form 471 filing deadline for the 2018-2019 funding year. The District's consultant is Sharon Dowdy, CRN 16062339.

The District filed Form 470 #180020709, and issued an RFP, on January 30, 2018 for leased lit fiber. Bids were due on February 28, 2018. The District only received one response and that was for a self-provisioned network.

Once it was obvious there were no other bids, a customer service case—227158—was created on March 6, 2018 by our consultant. The gentleman who opened the case couldn't answer the question and didn't even enter the question correctly. Our consultant had to follow up and correct the question.

Days went by with no response from Customer Service. The consultant called multiple times and finally the case was escalated. Still with no response, she opened another customer service case—228757—referring to the fact that nothing had been resolved with the original case on March 13, 2018.

A response to the original case was finally received on March 15, 2018 basically stating the only options were to try to get other bids (which we had already done), file next year, or start over with the bidding process and file a waiver asking for the new 471 to be considered for funding during this funding year.

A new Form 470—180031535—was filed on March 20, 2018. The District received two bids. A vendor was selected and a new Form 471—181042738—was filed.

Receiving this waiver for the Form 471 deadline is critical for the District. We need the connectivity and bandwidth in place for us to implement our Category 2 projects for network electronics, including network switches and wireless access points.

Documentation supporting our request for this waiver is attached. Let me know if you need any additional information.

I look forward to your response.

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Attachments:

1. Original Form 470--#180020709
2. Original RFP
3. Copies of Customer Service Case #227158 and #228757
4. New Form 470—180031535
5. Form 471 for waiver request—181042738

#227158 - Service Substitution



Summary News Related Actions



Case Details

Topic	Eligible Services - Eligibility Questions	Created By	User has been deactivated
Status	Closed	Created On	3/6/2018 10:36 AM EST
Priority	High	Organization	Sharon Dowdy
Inquiry Type	Phone		

Case Description

Description We have received a response for a 1-time charge for leased lit fiber. Can we file a 471? If so, How?

Case Artifacts

Documents			Attachments	
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Date

Sharon,

You have a couple of options:

1. You may solicit bids by reaching out to other Service Providers who may be able to provide the services that you requested on your FCC Form 470. If you decide to do so, I would advise that you document the fact that you only received one bid and that it did not match what was requested.

2. You may file a new FCC Form 470 as suggested before. February 22, 2018 at 11:59 PM EST was the last date to post an FCC Form 470 that you intend to cite on a timely-filed FY2018 FCC Form 471 funding request.

FCC rules require applicants to wait at least 28 days after the FCC Form 470 is posted to the USAC website before selecting a service provider, executing any contracts for contracted services, or signing and submitting an FCC Form 471. Your state or local procurement regulations may require a longer waiting period or impose additional requirements. Please note that if you have a Request for Proposal (RFP), it must also be posted for at least 28 days. Note that some state or local procurement rules or regulations require applicants to issue an RFP in addition to the FCC Form 470, and an RFP is required by FCC rules for certain types of service.

Thus, filing the FCC Form 470 later than 2/22/2018 will result in a late-filed, or "out of window" FCC Form 471. There is not an available procedure to request an extension for the FCC Form 470 or the FCC Form 471, but you may request a waiver of the FCC's rules surrounding the 471 filing window after filing the FCC Form 471 out of window. Follow these steps:

3/15/2018 1:57 PM EDT

USAC

A. If you have not already, post the FCC Form 470 as soon as possible.

B. Follow the 28-day competitive bidding requirements. FCC rules require a minimum bidding period of at least 28 days; however, state or local procurement regulations may require a longer waiting period or impose additional requirements. Failure to meet competitive bidding requirements will result in denial of funding.

C. File your FCC Form 471 as soon as possible after meeting the minimum competitive bidding period. In EPC, you will not be able to associate your FCC Form 470 to a contract record or to the FCC Form 471 until the 28 days has elapsed. This will result in your FCC Form 471 being filed after the close of the filing window. Out-of-window applications are not considered for funding if they remain in an out-of-window status.

D. For USAC to move your application in-window, you must request from the FCC a waiver of the filing window deadline, and the FCC must grant your waiver. Thus, as soon as possible after filing the FCC Form 471, submit your waiver request to the FCC. For instructions, please see the July 29, 2016 Schools and Libraries Program News Brief under the heading "Submitting Window Waivers":
<http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/news-briefs/preview.aspx?id=710>

3. If you would prefer, you can wait until next year and request the services again.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, you may reopen the case and add a note. If the case cannot be reopened, please create a new customer service case or contact the Client Service Bureau at 888-203-8100.

User	Note	Date
Sharon Dowdy	<p>The district did not select the vendor for self-provisioned network. We only received one response and it was for a self-provisioned network. Do we have any options other than filing a new Form 470 since we only received one response that wasn't what was asked for? If we go through the Form 470 process now and certify out of window does that jeopardize funding? Would it be better to wait until next year?</p> <p>Sharon,</p>	3/15/2018 1:46 PM EDT
USAC	<p>The information provided shows that the service being requested on the FCC Form 470 is for a Leased Lit Fiber solution and that a Self-Provisioned solution (Complete applicant ownership of a high-speed broadband network) was selected by the district. If the Self-Provisioned solution was not posted on a FCC Form 470, this would be considered a violation of program rules. If the district chooses they can re-post a FCC Form 470 that includes all services that the district is open to consider and wait the 28 days bidding process. All bids received from this FCC Form 470 would have to be reviewed and evaluated equally. If the self-provisioned solution is still deemed the most cost effective solution, then the school can file a FCC Form 471. Once the new FCC Form 471 has been posted, the district would have to request from the Commission for a waiver to have the application deemed in-window ,if approved.</p> <p>Below is the correct question.</p>	3/15/2018 1:15 PM EDT
Sharon Dowdy	<p>A form 470 was filed for leased lit fiber. One response was received for fiber optic backbone to be owned by the District. There is as one-time charge. How do I file the Form 471 if the 470 was issued for leased lit fiber.</p>	3/6/2018 10:55 AM EST

Case Contact

Case Contact Sharon Dowdy

Records / Customer Service Cases

#228757 - Non-Response to Case #227158



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Case Details

Topic	Eligible Services - Eligibility Questions	Created By	USAC
Status	Closed	Created On	3/13/2018 4:27 PM EDT
Priority	Medium	Organization	Sharon Dowdy
Inquiry Type	Phone		

Case Description

Description I need guidance on how to appropriately file my FCC Form 471 and I have received no response in my escalated case.

Case Artifacts

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Sharon Dowdy	I still haven't received any communication regarding Case #227158.	3/15/2018 10:38 AM EDT

Case Contact

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